ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES

—OF THE —

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Etowah Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

MT. ARARAT BAPTIST CHURCH,

SEPTEMBER 5, 6 AND 7, 1893.

OFFICERS.

ELDER H. R. CULBERTSON, Moderator.....Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
R. R. YEATS, Clerk.....Gadsden, Ala.
J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer.....Gadsden, Ala.

The next session will be held with Fairview Church, Etowah County, Ala., commencing Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1894.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—A. T. Fuller, Gadsden, Ala.
State Missions—J. E. Smith, Markton, Ala.
Home Missions—W. L. Culbertson, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
Foreign Missions—W. Y. Adams, Walnut Grove, Ala.
Education—D. P. Goodhue, Gadsden, Ala.
Temperance—A. H. Barnes, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
Family Religion—W. H. Boozer, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
Religious Literature—J. R. Trotter, East Gadsden, Ala.
Sabbath Schools—A. T. Fuller, Gadsden, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Inviting visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondence.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Appoint correspondents.
8. Report of standing committees. (Committees may report at any time when the time is not occupied.)
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Call roll, and read the minutes.
11. Fix order of printing and distributing minutes.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1893.

The Etowah Baptist Association met with Mt. Ararat according to appointment. Elder H. R. Culbertson presiding, and Robert R. Yeats acting clerk.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. R. Culbertson; text, Luke iv:43.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator reading the 73d Psalm, and prayer by Elder S. R. McClung.

Read letters and enrolled delegates as follows:

ANTIOCH—Not represented.

ATTALLA—A. C. D. Cornelius, D. A. White.

BETHANY—D. M. Gilliland, J. W. Gilliland, M. L. Brock and R. W. Brock.

BRISTOE'S CREEK—Not represented.

CAVE SPRINGS—W. L. Humphries, B. B. Ingle and William McClendon.

FAIRVIEW—J. M. Sitz and L. Divine.

GREENWOOD—John Stowers.

GADSDEN—A. W. Williams, W. B. Wynne, J. R. Nowlin, D. P. Goodhue, A. E. Goodhue, J. H. Holcombe, W. S. Edwards, J. L. Johnson, A. T. Fuller, and A. E. Paschall.

EAST GADSDEN—Charlie Harris, E. M. Keeling and D. N. Jelks.

LIBERTY COOSA—Elder H. R. Culbertson, K. S. Steele, W. H. Boozer, T. A. Smith, A. H. Barnes, F. Ford and W. W. Wester.

MACEDONIA—L. W. Bramlett and M. J. Hall.

MT. ARARAT—J. M. C. Burnett, W. T. Marker and F. M. Nabors.

MT. CARMEL—Elder J. H. Glazener, J. L. Jones, A. J. Gilliland, G. E. Jones and R. G. Harton.

MT. GILLEAD—L. J. Bishop, G. M. Phillips and J. B. Roper.

NEW HARMONY—W. C. Smith and W. H. Tucker.

PLEASANT HILL—Elder S. R. McClung.

PILGRIMS' REST—Elder J. E. Smith, G. H. Myrick, Z. L. Usry, Wm. Hall, M. B. Hall, A. J. Brown, J. M. Gray and J. M. Nash.

PLEASANT VALLEY—J. W. Swindall.

TEN ISLANDS—J. H. Cooper, J. L. Dodgin and E. D. Mathis.

UNION NO. 1—Elder J. A. Reeve, H. P. Smith, J. P. Sitz and J. B. Brown.

UNION NO. 2—W. A. Culbertson and M. W. Engle.

WALNUT GROVE—W. Y. Adams, J. T. Campbell, H. I. Jolley and R. B. White.

WHITE'S CHAPEL—Elder A. J. West, E. W. Braddy, J. W. Cannon.

WHITE SPRINGS—B. F. Kirkland, J. H. Boman, W. J. Lafollett and R. R. Yeats.

Appointed J. R. Ramsey and R. F. Manley tellers.

Elected Elder H. R. Culbertson Moderator, R. R. Yeats clerk and J. R. Nowlin treasurer.

J. H. Glazener offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, The order of business for this session shall be: 1st, Convene at 8:30 a. m.; 2d, Adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching; 3d, Convene at 1:30 p. m.; 4th. Adjourn at 4:30 each day.

The resolution was so amended that one-half hour should be spent in devotional exercises each morning.

Adopted order of business of last session.

Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats. Received Bro. R. F. Manley, of the Birmingham Association.

Called for petitionary letters. L. W. Bramlett presented a letter from Macedonia church. Upon motion the church was received, and the Moderator extended the hand of welcome in behalf of the Association.

Called for correspondence. Received Rev. J. R. Ramsey, Cherokee Association. Liberated Rev. J. R. Ramsey to make report as colporteur of Etowah and Cherokee Associations.

Filled vacancies in committees as follows:

Education—A. E. Goodhue.

Religious Literature—Elder W. W. Wester and E. M. Keeling.

Sabbath Schools—W. B. Wynne.

Devotional Exercises—K. S. Steele, R. G. Harton, A. H. Barnes, A. E. Goodhue, and deacons of the church.

Appointed W. Y. Adams, A. T. Fuller and D. P. Goodhue committee on programme.

Recognized Rev. J. H. Belton as a visitor from Calhoun County Association.

Appointed Committee on Finance as follows: J. R. Nowlin, F. Ford and J. W. Gilliland.

Adopted report of committee on programme as follows:

Wednesday morning, from 9 to 10 o'clock, report on Education; 10 to 11 o'clock, reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions. At 11 o'clock Missionary Sermon by H. W. Williams, appointee.

Afternoon, 1:30 to 2 o'clock, continue discussions on Missions; from 2 to 3 o'clock, report on Temperance; from 3 to 4:30, report on Sabbath Schools.

Thursday morning, 9 to 9:30, report on Religious Literature; 9:30 to 10:30, report on Family Religion; 10:30 to 11 o'clock, miscellaneous business; 11 o'clock, sermon. From 1:30 to 4:30, reports of special committees and miscellaneous business.

W. Y. Adams,
A. T. Fuller,
D. P. Goodhue,
Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by J. R. Nowlin.

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 1893.

Devotional exercises conducted by S. R. McClung.

Recognized J. N. Belton, W. G. and W. P. Dukes as correspondents from Calhoun County Association.

Read and approved minutes of preceding day.

Received Elder C. T. Starkey as a visiting minister.

Suspended regular order of business of the day and took up second item on programme.

Appointed W. L. Culbertson chairman of Committee on Education.

J. R. Trotter read report on Home Missions, which was received and discussed by C. T. Starkey and W. Y. Adams.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Mission work, desire to submit the following report:

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.	
Alabama	1
Arkansas	24
Cuba	20
Florida	42
District of Columbia	4
Georgia	19
Indian Territory	16
Kentucky	9
Louisiana	22
Maryland	3
Oklahoma	8
Missouri	7
Tennessee	6
Texas	127
Virginia	2
Western Arkansas and I. T.	38
Western N. C.	20
West Virginia	2
Total	368

RESULTS.	
Weeks of Labor	14,014
Churches and Stations	1,482
Sermons and Addresses	38,007
Prayer Meetings	12,594
Baptisms	5,111
Received by Letter	4,493
Total additions	9,604
Sabbath Schools organized	412
Teachers and Pupils	16,611
Religious visits	54,134
Churches constituted	155
Houses of Worship built	92
Bibles and Testaments distributed	1,748
Pages of Tracts distributed	919,887

It is gratifying to note that the Home Mission Board is out of debt, and that the available means this year for our regular work is $70,947.76, an excess of $3,014.36 over that of last year. The centennial contributions of the year have been $36,042.26. Add to this amount the centennial contributions of last year, $16,937.74, and the total results of the centennial effort thus far received is $52,980.56. The Board has paid the debt of $9,662.50 with which to begin the year, $22,854.30 on the house of worship in Havana, Cuba, has increased its mission work, and reports a balance of $2,784.41 in the treasury. The total cash receipts for the year have been $106,989.58, of which $29,373.40 has been expended in church buildings.

J. B. TROTTER, Chairman Com.

Elder H. W. Williams read report of Committee on Foreign Missions, which was received, and discussed by J. H. Glazener, A. T. Fuller, W. Y. Adams, G. E. Jones, W. R. Trotter and J. N. Belton.

Committee on Missions was requested to meet and formulate some plan for the collection of mission funds, and report on the same in the afternoon.

Rev. H. W. Williams proceeded to preach the Missionary Sermon; text, Rom. i:14, after which a public collection for missions resulted in the collection of $14.04.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order with prayer by J. H. Glazener.

J. R. Nowlin read report on State Missions, which was received and discussed by J. R. Nowlin, H. W. Williams and C. B. Hammett, after which all reports on missions were adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

God has commanded His followers to seek to disciple all nations on the earth. In connection with this command is His promise to be with them always. The work of evangelizing the world is a co-operative work between God and his followers. The association of this command and promise indicates that His presence is not

vouchsafed except on conditions of obedience to the command. The history of the churches goes to confirm the same. The churches which have been most active in missionary enterprises have grown most rapidly at home. Many anti-missionary churches have died, and others are dying. Churches which are missionary in name only are sick unto death, for He who is their life dwells not among a people who have not His spirit, which seeks the salvation of a lost world. The church that gave nothing to missions last year and proposes to give nothing this year will be forced to take up one collection at least, a collection to defray its funeral expenses. The thing most needed, along the line of contributions to missions, is systems of regular giving. Where churches have preaching only once a month, at every meeting there should be a collection for missions. Another need is that of information as to the trials of missionaries already sent out, andthe awful need of the perishing heathen. If our people could receive this information, could know something of the privations which our foreign missionaries have to suffer, could know the history of missions, there is but little doubt but that the interest which they feel in foreign missions would be greatly increased. Why do our people not read more? Why do they not buy books from our colporteurs and inform themselves on this important subject? Your committee would recommend "The Life of Adoniram Judson," written by his son, as a book which cannot fail to awake a deep interest in this subject wherever it is read. It can be obtained from the American Baptist Publication Society. The contributions made by the Association last year to Foreign Missions have been so meager as hardly to merit any mention in this report. If we live as an Association, if we expect the presence and help of the all-powerful Savior, we must do work toward the keeping of His commandment, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature."

H. W. Williams,
R. R. Yeats,
Committee.

REPORT OF STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions respectfully report:

The secretary of the State Mission Board in his report to the last State Convention says: The financial crisis through which the country has been passing, the low price of cotton, and the political excitement agitating the people of our state, has seriously injured business of all kinds, hence it was to be expected that enterprises which are dependent on the benevolence of the people would be affected also. Notwithstanding this, the statistics show a decrease in the contributions for all purposes of $93.00 only during the year. The contributions to State Missions amounted to $7,617.73, or $638 less than the previous year. Of this amount the greater portion went to pay the salaries of those employed by the Board. For ministerial education $362.25; for church building in Alabama, $108.68, for Bible and colportage, $497.86; for aged and infirm ministers, $70.54. As the result of their efforts we find they have employed missionaries, 50; days of service, 5,443; sermons delivered, 2,224; churches constituted, 12; number of persons baptised, 198; baptised by other churches in connection with their labor, 230; restored, 22; Sabbath schools organized, 50; meeting houses commenced, 13; pages of tracts distributed, 16,43; meeting houses finished, 6.

This Board has been in existence about eighteen years, and during that time has been the means of accomplishing a vast amount of good for the denomination in Alabama. Through this Board our educational institutions are mainly upheld and supported and our state paper is sustained. It is through this agency that a large portion of the money that goes to the Home and Foreign Boards is raised and distributed. It has been wonderfully blessed in supplying the gospel to the destitute portions of this State, in developing our Sunday School interests and every other department of our work. This Board, therefore, should be supported by us and should enjoy a large share of our contributions. The principal hindrance in the way of raising funds for this and for all other purposes is the lack of system.

This Association should devise and recommend some plan by which regular and liberal contributions may be made by the churches to the several interests fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention. We recommend that the Association undertake to raise six hundred dollars ($600) for missions during this associational year. That a committee of three be appointed to apportion this amount equally among the churches comprising this Association, report to be made during this session. We recommend in carrying out this plan that the pastors of churches be required to preach to their several churches once every quarter on the subject of missions, and that a collection be taken up once each month for missionary purposes. We earnestly urge that all the churches co-operate in this movement and strive faithfully to raise at least the amount apportioned them. Let us awake from our lethargy and signalize our next associational year by a decided forward movement in the work of missions.

J. R. Nowlin, Chairman.

J. H. Glazener read the following report, which was discussed by J. H. Glazener, A. T. Fuller, W. W. Wester, D. P. Goodhue, H. R. Culbertson and W. B. Wynne. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

A correspondent of John Swinton's paper, the organ of the labor unions, calls attention to the claim of the brewers that they give employment to 500,000 men, and says: "Think of this, workingmen! Half a million men employed destroying food, in rotting grain, etc., and turning it into poison that makes men fiends, wives widows, children orphans, the industrious lazy, the intelligent numbskulls, and sends women and children to work in the place of men, thus filling the land with tramps and loafers for the workers to support. If it is true that every person who produces nothing beneficial to society is no better than a pauper, * * * then all labor employed making, handling or selling such drinks is labor wasted, and people so employed are paupers. The brewers, distillers, liquor, wine and beer dealers are among the worst enemies of workingmen; the temperance people are their friends. The former rob them of their health, happiness and life. The objects of temperance are the abolition of poverty, crime, disease and premature death." Your committee would further say, there is an awful responsibility on the preachers of this country. They are watchmen on the walls. "When they see the sword coming they must sound the alarm." The sword has come! Where are the watchmen?

The liquor power has the country by the throat. Political parties are in its grasp. Legislatures are under its control. Many times the judge upon the bench and the solicitor for the state are its servants; grand juries and sheriffs are often its faithful allies. In many towns and cities the mayor and council, with the police, are often its aiders and abettors. It dictates candidates and elects them. It takes charge of the public schools in many places, and raises its brazen face as the friend of education. It flaunts its bloody banner defiantly in the face of temperance workers, and challenges them to do their worst. It is intrenched behind statutes which make it the pet of the nation. With twenty names upon a petition it can set up its infamous business in the midst of a thousand opposers. An army with millions of money to back it, it fights its battles in secret, using bribery and every corrupt means. It helps with its money to support the government, and is allowed, in return, to rob the poor and ignorant, and debauch society. The country grows poorer, and the liquor king gets richer. Where are the watchmen? What are they doing? Of one thing your committee is certain, they are not sounding the alarm. Some refer to the sin of drunkenness, but never a word about the drunkard makers; never a word about this state partnership with the still and the saloon; never a word about the awful sin of educating our children on blood-money; never a word to show how the hideous monster has entwined himself

about the officers of the law, and is sucking the very life-blood of the nation. We are sorry to believe that there are some who claim to be watchmen, instead of sounding the alarm, they indulge in the habit of visiting the saloons and drinking the accursed stuff.

The drunkard, the liquor vendor, the man who rents his house for the bar, and the man who signs the petition are retained in the membership of the church. Where are the watchmen? If from every pulpit in the state the alarm was sounded and every phase of this devilish business was exposed, there would be such a stir created that old monster would tremble on his throne. Let the tyrant fall! Men of Israel, help! We can bring him down. Will we do it? If we cannot, then the pulpit has lost its power, and preachers are no longer reformers. All of which is

Repectfully submitted,

J. H. Glazener, Chairman.

W. B. Wynne read report on Sabbath Schools which was discussed by A. T. Fuller, W. B. Wynne, J. H. Glazener, D. P. Goodhue and W. C. Smith.

Appointed a Sabbath School Convention to meet with Liberty Coosa church, commencing Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1894, and close on Sunday.

Appointed Committee on Time and Place as follows: A. J. Gilliland, J. T. Campbell, F. Ford, M. L. Brock and J. B. Brown.

Adopted report on Sabbath Schools.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following report:

The importance of a well regulated Sabbath School in every church of Jesus Christ is second only to that of preaching the gospel, and without such an organization it is not possible for a church to be efficient in building up the cause of our Blessed Master, as it can be with this all important aid in the dissemination of the true principles of our common religion. Your committee is glad to be able to state almost every church belonging to this Association has reported to the present session of this body that they have a Sabbath School in a flourishing condition, and your committee believe the time has come when all the Sabbath Schools of our respective churches should be formed into a Sabbath School Institute or Convention, and thereby bring together in a clearer and more effectual manner this great work within our bounds, and to this end we recommend that some steps be taken at the present meeting of this body, looking to an early organization of all these schools into a Sabbath School Institute or Convention with such rules and regulations as will seem best calculated to foster and build up a deeper and more permanent interest in the great Sabbath School work that is now engaging the attenttion of the entire Christian world. It is not the intention of your committee to formulate any specific plan but merely to suggest that, in our judgment, this great work demands at this time an extraordinary effort on the part of all true lovers of the cause of our Blessed Master. Your committee believe that with some such organization as we have suggested in this report, will greatly increase the interest and efficiency of our Sabbath School work. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Wynne,
A. H. Barnes,
Committee.

Appointed J. R. Nowlin, W. H. Boozer, John Stowers, Committee on Apportionment.

Granted Mt. Gilead church a letter of dismission to unite with Calhoun County Association. Granted Ten Island church a letter of dismission to unite with Calhoun County Association.

Adjourned with prayer by A. E. Paschall.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 1893.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. C. Smith. Called Association to order with prayer by J. H. Glazener. Adopted minutes of preceding day.

W. W. Wester read report on Religious Literature, which was discussed by W. W. Wester, A. E. Paschall, W. B. Wynne, J. H. Glazener, D. P. Goodhue, S. R. McClung, J. N. Belton and H. R. Culbertson.

Adopted report as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In this age of so much immoral literature, we think it the indispensable duty of every parent to place in the hands of their children the very best reading matter in their reach. We are opposed to all works of romance, because they are degrading in their tendency. They do not feed the mind and heart, therefore, cannot elevate the moral standard of our people. Knowing, as we do, that the religious press is one of the greatest factors in existence for disseminating the truth, we claim for it the hearty patronage of our people. Especially do we recommend our own Sunday School literature, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and all of our denominational publications, particularly the "Alabama Baptist," our own state organ. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WESTER,
E. M. KEELING,
Committee.

W. L. Culbertson read report on Education, which was ably discussed by him.

The Association took a recess of 15 minutes, after which Elder S. R. McClung proceded to preach the Temperance Sermon from Romans i:22.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Association called to order with prayer by W. B. Wynne.

The subject of education was further discussed by J. H. Glazener, S. R. McClung and L. J. Bishop.

Adopted report on Education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We note with gratitude the fact that there is a greater interest manifested by the people of the Association in the education of their children, than has been previous to this time; and, as a consequence, a larger number of more efficient schools have been in operation for a longer period of time under the care and management of better qualified instructors. The appreciation of the work and workers has been manifested by more liberal pay and hearty co-operation upon the part of the people. And while we most heartily congratulate ourselves upon this marked improvement, we cannot lay too much stress upon the necessity of better schools and teachers, teachers of higher moral and religious standing; so

supported that as they may be enabled to devote their whole time and energy to the work, thereby enabling them to honor the cause of Christ by keeping the religious training apace with the mental development.

W. L. CULBERTSON,
H. P. SMITH,
Committee.

Upon motion, dispensed with report on Family Religion.

The following resolution, after being discussed by G. M. Myrick, W. W. Wester, J. E. Smith, J. N. Belton, J. H. Glazener, W. H. Boozer, W. A. Culbertson, D. P. Goodhue, J. R. Nowlin, W. T. Gay, W. B. Wynne and A. E. Paschall, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we, the Etowah Baptist Association, do not endorse the modern, worldly dance of to-day.

Committee on Time and Place reported as follows:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, your Commitee on Time and Place, submit the following:
Time—First Friday after the first Sabbath in October, 1894.
Place—Fairview church.

A. J. GILLILAND, Chairman.

Report adopted.

J. R. Nowlin read report on apportionment, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Apportionment to be raised for missions during the associational year of 1893-94, $600.00, apportioned among the churches as follows:

Antioch	$ 12 50	Amount forward	$357 50
Atta'la	20 00	New Harmony	12 00
Bethany	30 00	Pilgrim's Rest	40 00
Bristoe's Creek	20 00	Pleasant Hill	12 00
Cave Springs	20 00	Pleasant Valley	18 00
East Gadsden	20 00	*Shady Grove	18 00
Fairview	25 00	Union No. 1	40 00
Gadsden	100 00	Union No. 2	15 00
Greenwood	12 50	Walnut Grove	50 00
Liberty Coosa	40 00	White's Chapel	10 00
Mt. Ararat	12 50	White Springs	32 00
Mt. Carmel	45 00	Macedonia	15 00
	$357 50	Total	$619 50

*This church is not a member of this Association.

J. R. NOWLIN,
JOHN STOWERS,
W. H. BOOZER,
Committee.

It was agreed to divide the money collected for missions in the public collection between the three Mission Boards.

Appointed W. B. Wynne, W. A. Culbertson and A. H. Barnes Committee on Nominations.

A. E. Paschall read resolution of thanks as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Association tender its thanks to this church and community for their hospitality during our stay in their midst.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Appointed the following delegates to the State Convention: J. R. Nowlin, J. H. Glazener, D. P. Goodhue, H. W. Williams, W. B. Wynne, J. R. Trotter, H. R. Culbertson, R. K. Yeats and J. L. Jones.

Adopted report on nominations as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Committee on Nominations submits the following report:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Bro. A. J. West; Bro. S. R. McClung alternate.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—Bro. W. L. Culbertson; W. Y. Adams alternate.

To preach the Temperance Sermon—Bro. H. W. Williams; Bro. W. W. Wester alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. WYNNE, Chairman.

Appointed A. H. Barnes delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with H. W. Williams alternate.

The Clerk was authorized to have 1,000 minutes printed.

Appointed standing committees as follows:

State Missions—J. E. Smith, W. B. Wynne and J. P. Sitz.
Home Missions—W. L. Culbertson, A. C. D. Cornelius and H. P. Smith.
Foreign Missions—W. Y. Adams, J. L. Jones and R. B. White.
Education—D. P. Goodhue, J. H. Glazener and W. W. Wester.
Temperance—A. H. Barnes, L. W. Bramlett and J. R. Nowlin.
Family Religion—W. H. Boozer, W. A. Culbertson and J. B. Brown.
Religious Literature—J. R. Trotter, J. A. Reeve and D. M. Gilliland.
Sabbath Schools—A. T. Fuller, A. J. West and R. G. Harton.
Continued the present Executive Committee.

Agreed to try to raise ten cents per member, as an educational fund, to be divided between Brethren G. E. Jones and B. F. Smith in maintaining them in school this year.

Read and adopted minutes.

Adjourned.

H. R. CULBERTSON, MODERATOR.

ROBERT R. YEATS, Clerk.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That any member in good standing in a church of this union, who may be present at any Association with whom we may correspond, shall be considered as a messenger to the same.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

*H. W. Williams	Gadsden, Ala.	V. H. Dean	Gadsden, Ala.
*H. R. Culbertson	Hoke's Bluff, "	*J. E Smith	Markton, "
K. S. Steel	" " "	*J. R. Trotter	East Gadsden, "
W. W. Wester	" " "	*W. Y. Adams	Walnut Grove, "
S. J. Cox	Walnut Grove, "	F. M. Sauls	Brice, "
W. L. Culbertson	Hoke's Bluff, "	*J. T. Aston	Attalla, "
T. A. Smith	Colvin's Gap, "	*S. R. McClung	" "
J. A. Reeve	Seaborn, "	*P. M. Archer	Standfield, "
*J. H. Glazener	Gadsden, "	Jacob Gray	Attalla, "
C. B Hammett	East Gadsden, "		

*Pastors of churches in this Association.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association."

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform such duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. They shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its sessions by delegates.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, but every church shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, not only within its bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage by means of its influence those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as for the cause of education generally; for the promotion of the Sunday School cause, the cause of temperance, etc.

The Association shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to cultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to provoke the brethren to love and do good works, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association, an Introductory Sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present, shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privileges and prohibition.

5. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

6. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

12. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and opening of business, after prayer, each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called; and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER,

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed by this Association.

If any point of order be raised by any member of the body, it shall be decided by the Moderator; but appeal may be taken from his decision to that of the body.

"Mell's Parliamentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one and but one God, who is a spirit, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, unchangeable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, pefectly just, of immaculate holiness, the Creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the sepreme ruler over all.

The Godhead is a Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The Son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection the Redeemer and Savior of his people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably, living innocently and happy in his favor; but Adam having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it, and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and his decendants.

All men partaking of the consequences of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's laws.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week, and should be kept holy and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and in commemoration of the resurrection on that day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the Gospel are two—Baptism and the Lord's supper. The Great Head of the church required the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the churches as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A Gospel church is a company of baptized believers, organized under the laws of its Great Head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those whom He has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostacy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the Father before the foundation of the world, and given to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace; yet all who will be lost will have rejected of their own will a proffered salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus Christ will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works.

Heaven is a place to which the righteous will be received, and made perfectly happy in their presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked may be cast, to suffer everlasting punishment for their sins.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF ETOWAH BABTIST ASSOCIATION—1893.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS		HOME MISSIONS		FOREIGN MISSNS		EDUCATION		Minutes.	Centenial Missions	Sunday School Expenses	WOMEN'S SOCI'TY			Howard College—Voucher	Total	Pastor's Salary	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Buildings and Furniture
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Howard College Cash	Howard College Voucher				Home Missions—Voucher	Foreign Missions—Voucher	State Missions—Voucher					
Antioch	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Attalla					5 95				1 50		28 47					30 92	76 00	9 26	1500 00
Bethany									85							85	67 80		1000 00
Bristoe's Creek																			
Cave Springs									50		5 00					5 50			100 00
East Gadsden	1 75		1 50		2 00				1 00							6 25			750 00
Fairview									40							40			500 00
Gadsden		20 00		15 00		20 00		10 00	2 50	138 25	110 00	18 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	393 75	62 50	100 00	
Greenwood	1 00								55							1 55	50 00		
Liberty Coosa	4 00		1 00		4 00		4 00		1 25		12 50					26 75	140 00		500 00
Macedonia					4 25				50							4 75			
Mt. Ararat									1 00		2 50					3 50		25 00	800 00
Mt. Carmel								3 00	70							5 32			
Mt. Gilead	1 00		1 45						40		3 00					5 85	40 50		400 00
New Harmony							1 62		1 00		4 00					5 00			
Pilgrim's Rest			25		1 43				2 00							3 68	40 25		500 00
Pleasant Hill									25							25			
Pleasant Valley	75								75							1 50			350 00
Ten Islands					1 25											1 25	34 50		500 00
Union No. 1									1 35		4 00					5 35			
Union No. 2		2 75							60							3 35			400 00
Walnut Grove	1 52		1 75		1 75				2 05		10 00	1 25		75		19 07		84 35	2000 00
White's Chapel									80							80			300 00
White Springs								3 00	1 50							4 50		75 00	450 00
Collect'ns at Ass'ens	4 68		4 68		4 68														
Total	$14 00	$22 75	$10 63	$15 00	$25 00	$20 00	$ 5 62	$46 09	$21 45	$138 25	$159 47	$19 25	$15 00	$10 75	5 00	$530 14	$511 05	$293 71	$9550 00

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STATISTICS OF ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION--1893.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Inc'se by Baptism.	Inc'se by Letter.	Inc'se by Experience.	Inc'se by Restoration.	Dec'se by Letter.	Dec'se by Exclusion.	Dec'se by Erasure.	Dec'se by Death.	Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Pupils.	SUNDAY SCHOOL. Superintendent's Name and P. O. Address.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Revivals.
*Antioch	St. Clair	Not represented	Q Steel	Steel's Depot	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..
†Attalla	Etowah	C T Starkey	B F Sitz	Attalla	83	5	7	..	..	10	4	..	2	78	7	65	M L Buckley, Attalla	..	..
Bethany	Etowah	H R Culbertson	R W Brock	Hill	108	..	2	4	2	10	..	..	..	106	9	63	R W Brock, Hill	1	..
Bristoe's Creek	Etowah	Not represented	J A Brasseale	Aurora	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	76	..	..	..	..	..
Cave Springs	Etowah	J T Aston	C W Butler	Mountainboro	73	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	81	6	36	W T Humphries, Buford	1	..
East Gadsden	Etowah	J R Trotter	D N Jelks	East Gadsden	77	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	75	6	50	M B Jelks, East Gadsden	2&4	..
Fairview	Etowah	J H Glazener	G H Bearden	Brice	100	4	1	..	..	5	..	..	1	99	6	45	H M Sauls, Brice	3	1
†Gadsden	Etowah	H W Williams	Geo S Vann	Gadsden	268	13	14	..	..	10	4	9	2	270	15	200	A T Fuller, Gadsden	..	..
Greenwood	Etowah	A N Mince	John Stowers	Keener	51	5	2	..	..	10	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..
Liberty Coosa	Etowah	H R Culbertson	E E Hollingsworth	Hoke's Bluff	188	..	7	4	3	29	3	..	1	169	7	75	A H Barnes, Hoke's Bluff	4	1
Macedonia	Etowah	..	J W Lawrence	Turkeytown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Ararat	Etowah	A J West	F M Nabors	Nesbit	58	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	56	6	29	F M Noah, Nesbit	3	..
Mt. Carmel	Etowah	H R Culbertson	Joe L Jones	Gadsden	162	8	4	9	..	6	1	..	2	172	8	45	R G Harton, Gadsden	2	1
Mt. Gilead	Calhoun	J E Smith	E B Dickinson	Mack	116	10	1	..	2	3	..	..	1	125	5	35	G M Phillips, Mack	1	1
New Harmony	Etowah	S R McClung	J W Tingle	Crudup	45	4	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	54	6	76	E S Cash, Crudup	2	1
Pilgrim's Rest	Etowah	J E Smith	J M Gray	Markton	47	12	9	..	1	3	11	..	2	165	..	..	..	3	1
*Pleasant Hill	Etowah	S R McClung	..	..	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Valley	Etowah	P M Archer	D W Cartee	Attalla	159	..	1	..	1	13	1	..	2	56	..	..	..	2	..
Ten Islands	Calhoun	Noah Stephens	J L Dodgen	Ottery	60	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	4	1
Union No. 1	Etowah	J A May	H P Smith	Yancy	76	13	5	14	2	3	..	..	..	105	8	60	J A Reeve, Seaborn	3	1
Union No. 2	Etowah	W Y Adams	W A Culbertson	Howelton	65	1	..	..	2	5	2	..	1	60	7	40	S D Washburn, Gallant	1	..
Walnut Grove	Etowah	J A Glenn	A J Phillips	Walnut Grove	151	24	20	..	..	7	4	..	..	184	8	170	J T Campbell, Walnut G.	4	..
White's Chapel	Etowah	S R McClung	J P Stephens	Sanoma	82	1	..	14	..	22	..	..	2	73	..	..	..	3	1
White Springs	Etowah	S R McClung	R R Yeats	Gadsden	125	9	2	..	1	6	4	..	..	127	..	..	..	4	1
Total					2289	116	90	46	16	148	35	10	17	2366	104	989			

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Names of Churches organized during the year—Macedonia. Names of Churches dismissed to other Associations—Mt. Gilead church to Calhoun County Association; Ten Island church to Calhoun County Association.

*This is last year's report.

†Preaching once a week.

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